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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Docket: OT-4190A  
Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: May 24, 2000  
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Title: Tension Member for an Elevator

Director of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
BOX NEW DIV. APPLN.

Dear Sirs:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Between lines 2 and 3, insert--This is a division of copending application Serial No.

09/031/108 filed February 26, 1998, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 44-65 and replace with the following claims:

1. A traction drive for an elevator system, the elevator system including a car and a counterweight, the traction drive including a traction sheave driven by a machine and a tension member interconnecting the car and counterweight, the tension member having a width w, a thickness t measured in the bending direction, and an engagement surface defined by the width

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